

# THE GOOD NEWS



NOVEMBER 2024 | CHRIST CENTERED | BIBLE BASED | FAMILY FOCUSED | MISSION MINDED

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3  
8 A.M. & 9:15 A.M.

Ada Kjos  
Beverly Benson  
Signe Cone  
Roger Ekern  
Anthony Hallum  
Phyllis Hatleli  
Herbert Highum  
Holli Johnson  
Wayne Jonsgaard  
Norma Jorde  
Luther "Lupy" Myhro  
Gordon Nelson  
Bonnie Norstad  
Laurine Woxland



## Fifth Grade First Communion



## Fourth Grade Small Catechism & Memory Work



## PASTOR'S CORNER

It's a fantastic year to be a Viking!

While many of you are busy watching an incredible season of Minnesota Vikings football, I've been busy watching the old HBO series called Vikings. The real Vikings! Of course, not when the football game is on. I watch the game too. And since it's a "rebuilding" year for the Packers... oh, never mind.

The TV series is brutal, violent and sometimes downright ugly. But at the same time, historically fascinating. And as with any piece of historical fiction, much has been added to hold together an exciting enough plot to keep the viewers viewing. Kind of like the commentators do during an NFL football game. But under all of that dramatized blood and gore, is a backbone of astonishing historical truth.

The Vikings, the real ones, were men (and apparently women) who sailed seas that had never been sailed before. Who conquered kingdoms that had remained impregnable. And who eventually sent settlers to places like England, France, Iceland and yes, even North America. The real reason they did that was simply to feed and clothe their own children. To find fertile farmland, which was in short supply in Norway. Or maybe just to get out of the cold.

Of course, the gold and silver they found when they throttled the Anglo-Saxons also helped.

For many of you, these are your ancestors. My ancestors were the English, who the Vikings were throttling in the land of Cornwall around the year 838. According to one of my aunts, you can still find a "Chellew" tribe or two.

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My daughter, Caity, has recently become interested in our family history. And so I've been thinking about that too. How much of what I've been told about my ancestry is actually the way things happened? How much is, for lack of a better phrase, historical fiction? What has happened in your family that should be told to your children and grandchildren? What are the stories that have shaped you and your family?

Indeed, why are you a Vikings fan in the first place? (That is, if you are.) Simply because you live in Minnesota?

Unfortunately, these old historical roots don't mean that much for too many people today. "Yeah, my ancestors were Norwegian, but I'm just an American. I'm not German or English or French; I'm from Minnesota!" But your family tree was rooted somewhere else, once upon a time. And for many of you, it was a place where they ate lefse and lutefisk because, well, what else was there to eat?

Now, my concern is that when we lose sight of our past, we might also lose our roots. There are definitely too many "unrooted" people wandering around these days. So, here is a challenge for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. During the next halftime, put the TV football commentators on mute and tell a story or two. Oh yeah, they'll all groan a bit at first. But, they also just might remember. Maybe your story might sound something like this...

"I remember when I went to my first Vikings game. It was in the old outdoor stadium in Bloomington. The old frozen tundra. It was so cold that day the beer froze in our cups..."

Okay, maybe it's not as exciting as the Vikings' first attack on London. But that's quite okay. Because it's your own Viking story, and it is your story to tell.

In Christ's Loving Service,

*Pastor Steve*



# Auditions

FOR



## Church Basement Ladies

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**Auditions to be held  
Nov 14 & 15 @ 6:00 PM  
at Rushford Lutheran Church  
Four women + one man  
Be prepared to sing  
Performances Feb 14, 15, 16, 2025**

## Worship SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

8 A.M. AND 9:15 A.M.  
COMMUNION 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS.

HOME PHONES: DIAL IN FOR WORSHIP SERVICE.

### MONDAYS

5:30 P.M.  
COMMUNION FOLLOWING 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS

### RECORDED SERVICES

CAN'T MAKE SUNDAY SERVICE? ALL 9:15 A.M. SERVICES  
ARE POSTED TO THE CHURCH'S YOUTUBE SITE

## Grief Support Group

Need some help and encouragement after the death of a loved one?

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Open to all community members.

**Rushford Lutheran Church  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose/Quilting Room**

Becky Stocker 507-923-9051 | Glen Kopperud 507-458-6894



## Rushford Lutheran Church Women's meeting highlights October 2, 2024

- The next meeting is November 6 at 1:30 p.m. Adah Circle has the program and Ruth Circle has the lunch.
- Sunday morning coffee served by Priscilla Circle.

President Bean welcomed everyone and turned the program over to the Priscilla Circle. Olive Ann Boyum gave devotions on "What is a Miracle." She shared some of her own "miracles." Due to an unexpected illness, our speaker was unable to attend. Portia Lee closed with a beautiful piano medley of "Jesus Loves Me."

President Bean opened the business meeting. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report balance was \$5,590.86.

Old Business: Bean reported that about 126 people were served at the salad luncheon and that cookies for the Cod Fish Supper should be at the church by 3 p.m. Saturday. There are ingredients available for anyone willing to make pies for the bake sale on October 25, If you cannot bring baked goods, a \$10 donation would be appreciated.

New Business: The coffee machine is here and working. Baskets have been placed for collection of dish and laundry soap for soap month. Please do not bring bar soap. Each circle is asked to provide a person to help in the kitchen to set up for our Christmas meeting in December. Sandwiches, salads and desserts will be prepared by the circles. There will also be a gift exchange.

Announcements: Birthdays and anniversaries were noted and prayer requests received.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Lord's Prayer was said and the Table Prayer was sung. Lunch was served by the Hannah Circle.





**Sunday School Choir**



**Neighborhood Clean Up**



**Lesson on Ronald McDonald House**

The students participated in a Neighborhood Clean Up at the end of September. The students collected trash around town. They even did it with a smile on their faces! On October 13, the fourth-grade students received Luther's Small Catechism and Memory Work. On this day, the first-grade students learned all about the Ronald McDonald House and the importance of collecting the pop tabs. They each were able to take home a pop tab house to collect their pop tabs in. On October 20, the fifth-grade students received their First Communion. At the end of the month, the students sang in church and celebrated God's blessings on the harvest with a Harvest Party during the Sunday School hour.

# HARVEST PARTY



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 NOV** Christmas program practice begins
- 24 NOV** Sunday School Choir grades PK-5 at 9:15 a.m. & PreK-1 recite the Lord's Prayer
- 22 DEC** Sunday School Christmas Program at 11 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding Family Education/Sunday School, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



On Wednesday, October 2, Pastor Paul Andell from St. James Lutheran Church in Philadelphia stopped at RLC. Students and parents got to ask questions and listen to stories of the urban ministry of St. James, our partner for the 2025 youth mission trip.

The Dorothy Day House in Rochester houses up to 20 homeless men and women on any given day. Each night, they provide a hot meal prepared on-site by volunteers, which are mostly local church groups. The Burdey family served a meal in October, and another group from RLC Youth will be serving in November. The need is ongoing and year-round. If any students would like to serve a meal at any time, let Kristin know and we will schedule a date. The ideal number is 2-4 students.

## UPCOMING DATES

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It's service night for 7th-12th graders and leaders. Beginning at 5 p.m., students will prepare the plants sold for the Blooms of Blessing fundraiser/service project, and then deliver them to Good Shepherd/Bremer Suites. The group will then return to church to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

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Watch for more to come on our theme of Friendsgiving!

If you have any questions regarding youth events, Praise Team or adult choir, contact me:  
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## PRAISE TEAM NEWS



Highland Prairie-Elstad Lutheran Church students held a Cardboard City event to raise awareness and funds for those facing homelessness. The senior members of the RLC praise team were invited to lead late-night worship for the event.

## RLC MUSIC

The RLC Music department is introducing one new song each month as a "teaching hymn" for the congregation. Often known as "modern hymns," these songs contain theologically rich lyrics set to singable melodies, and are a lovely addition to our musical repertoire. November's teaching hymn is "Jesus Calms the Storm" written primarily by Keith and Kristyn Getty, authors of "In Christ Alone."

There will also be a monthly "focus hymn" that is taught to both the praise team and the Sunday school. In November, the focus hymn will be "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Reclaim #18).

We are blessed with a fantastic music department here at RLC! The importance of music in the life of a Christian cannot be overstated.

"I am not satisfied with him who despises music...for music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise."

-Martin Luther



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# Church Council Meeting Highlights October 21, 2024

*Below are abbreviated board minutes. Complete board minutes are available by contacting the church office.*

- The minutes of the September meeting were approved.
- A detailed financial report for September was reviewed and approved.
- Pastor Steve provided a verbal report which included the following:  
Overview of the monthly activities for September:
  - Member hospital and homebound visits.
  - Baptism of Aspen Ann Gierok on September 22.
- A preview of the new church website was provided. The site will go live as soon as possible.
- The church directory is almost complete.
- Damages from the lightning strike were discussed. The final dollar amount for the damage has not yet been compiled.
- The following were accepted and approved as new members to RLC: Daniel & Melanie Ritter and Christian, Lani & Paige Viljoen.
- The yearly benevolence giving was discussed and updates were suggested.
- Christmas Eve services have been approved. Service times will be 3:30, 5:30 and 10 p.m.
- Available committee reports were reviewed.

The next meeting will be held on November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER CASH SUMMARY

<b>Balance brought forward 8/30/24.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,614.76</b>
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$137,216.10</b>
<b>Total disbursements.....</b>	<b><u>\$145,355.95</u></b>
<b>Cash balance as of 9/30/2024 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,474.91</b>

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	8 A.M. WORSHIP	9:15 A.M. WORSHIP	
<b>NOVEMBER 3 COMMUNION</b>	Readers: Vicki Nelson Ushers: Marv Bestul, Claire Olstad, Claire Ione Shepherd	Archer Heiden Louie Boehmke, John Campe, Donnie Kjos, Eric Stocker	<b>PASTOR</b> Steven Chellew <b>ORGANIST</b> Shary Evavold, Portia Lee, Robyn Steffens
NOVEMBER 10	Readers: READER NEEDED Ushers: Dennie Darr, Gordy & Bonnie Elliot	Sammuel LaFleur Andrea and David Brand, Jim Bernier, Tom Kopperud	<b>FAMILY EDUCATION DIRECTOR</b> Brittany Agrimson <b>YOUTH &amp; CHOIR MINISTRY DIRECTOR</b> Kristin Burdey
<b>NOVEMBER 17 COMMUNION</b>	Readers: READER NEEDED Ushers: Ben & Alicia Anderson, Kerry Heiden, Wayne Meyer	Alex Oian Mike Messenger, John Petersen, Harlan Richards, Chad Steffens	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Jody Culhane, Patty Ebner, Wanda Kopperud
NOVEMBER 24	Readers: READER NEEDED Ushers: Seth Cichoski, Brendon Honken, Dale Evavold	Alannah Skalet Milford Paulson, Lowell Rasmussen	<b>PROJECTIONISTS</b> David and Andrea Brand, Lisa Chellew, Donny Kjos, Becky Stocker
NOVEMBER 27 THANKSGIVING EVE 7PM	Reader: READER NEEDED Ushers: USHER NEEDED		<b>VIDEOGRAPHERS</b> David and Andrea Brand, Barb Johnson, Jeremy Tesch, June Vitse

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</b> 8a & 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Praise Team	<b>4</b> 4:30p Worship Committee 5:30p Coffee House Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9a Men's Helping Hands 1:30p RLCW Meeting 5p Choir Practice 6p NO Confirmation Class 6p GriefShare 6p Family Education Committee	<b>7</b> 10a Bible Study w/Pastor	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8a & 9:15a Worship, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 6p Youth Group	<b>11</b> 1p Quilting 5:30p Coffee House Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 5p Choir Practice 6p Confirmation Class 6p GriefShare 6p Youth Committee	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8a & 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Praise Team	<b>18</b> 1p Pastor at Bremmer Suites & GSLH 1:30p Priscilla Circle 5:30p Coffee House Worship 6:30p Church Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 5p Choir Practice 6p Confirmation Class 6p GriefShare	<b>21</b> 9:30a Ruth Circle 1p Miriam Circle 1:30p Hannah Circle	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8a & 9:15a Worship, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 9:15a Sunday School Choir 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:15 Praise Team 6:30p Youth Group	<b>25</b> 5:30p Coffee House Worship	<b>26</b> 5p Martha Circle at RLC	<b>27</b> 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 5p Choir Practice 6p NO Confirmation Class 6p GriefShare <b>7p THANKSGIVING EVE            SERVICE</b>	<b>28</b> <b>THANKSGIVING            DAY</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>

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# Thanksgiving Eve

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 27  
AT 7 P.M.

Join us as we give thanks and share God's abundance. We collect offerings for the following:

Rushford Food Pantry  
(non-perishable food items)

RLCW Thank Offering  
RLC Thanksgiving Offering

